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Fishlake National Forest



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Beaver Ranger District Preparing for Prescribed Fire and Mechanical Projects

Beaver, Utah- The Fishlake National Forest, Beaver Ranger District is preparing to implement several prescribed fire and mechanical projects starting **January 29th, 2014 through May 1st, 2014**. These prescribed fire projects will only be implemented within parameters that meet specific management objectives; these parameters include but are not limited to temperature, wind speed, soil moisture, fuel moisture and the standards set by the State Department of Air Quality. The fuel projects will be conducted in a manner consistent with land and resource management plans, public health considerations (smoke issues), and the approved prescribed fire plan.

The following prescribed fire and mechanical projects are:

<u>Project Area</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Acres Planned/Fuels</u>
Merchant Valley Prescribed Fire	Merchant Valley, Midway up Beaver Canyon North of highway 153	200-500 acres mixed conifer
10 Mile/Bellyache Prescribed Fire	3 miles Northwest of Junction, in City Creek area	700 acres
Birch Creek East Mechanical	5 miles Southwest of Circleville, below Birch Creek Campground	600 acres
Baker Canyon Mechanical/ Prescribed	2 miles East of Beaver, up Bake Canyon	750 acres

The objectives for these projects include reducing hazardous fuels to decrease the risks from wildfire to life, property and resources. Also to return fire to its natural role on the landscape and to maintain a diverse mosaic pattern of vegetation, increase herbaceous forage production for wildlife, and improve habitat.

Possible travel restrictions could include temporary road closures during ignition phases of the project or until the area is safe for travel.

For further information and links about prescribed fire, wildland fire and reducing wildfire risks to your property please visit <http://www.utahfireinfo.gov>.

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